

MOZARK MOAAGRAM
March 2017

Chapter Presidents Message for MOZARK Chapter, MOAAgram, March 2017

Greetings Chapter Members:

Looks like Spring is upon us and time to crank up our MOZARK Chapter meeting schedule. We do look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting on March 18th at Keeter Center, College of the Ozarks. Our guest speaker is Greg Oller, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Table Rock Lake Office. This is an interesting time for the Corps as there is much discussion on long range planning for the lake. This should be very informative for all of us.

Last Saturday, March 4th, I attended the MOAA Missouri Council of Chapters meeting at Ft. Leonard Wood. The meeting was conducted in the museum complex and a very interesting mix of army Military History. The museum houses the Chemical, Engineer and Military Police branches of the army and the Fort Leonard Wood museum. This would be well worth while to visit if you're anywhere near Ft. Leonard Wood.

The highlight of the meeting was a presentation from COL Terri Coles, U.S. Army (Ret.), our new Senior Director of Council and Chapter Affairs at MOAA Headquarters. While we have always received outstanding support from her office, she is proposing several new initiatives to provide greater chapter support. Specifically, these include better communications with chapters, streamlined and simplified automation procedures, new member recruiting support, leadership workshops, on-line dues renewal, improved chapter roster submissions, etc. The biggest challenge at national and local chapters continues to be recruiting and retaining the next generation of chapter leaders. We will continue to inform and communicate these enhancements through our chapter board members. Our Chapter did receive a \$40 recruiting incentive from national for our new member gains last year.

The next Missouri Council of Chapters meeting is June 3, 2017 at Kansas City, hosted by Heart of America Chapter. On September 16, 2017, the Council of Chapters will meet in Springfield, hosted by the Ozark Empire Chapter.

The MOZARK Chapter board met on February 22d. During this meeting, we reviewed the following:

- Revised Program Schedule (Dave Porter), Our Chapter Picnic will be held at Table Rock State Park picnic pavilion on June 3d.

- ROTC and JROTC Awards, new MOAA policy no longer provides medals and awards at no cost. Chapters will need to purchase items from MOAA store. John and Susan Hathcock and Dave and Barbara Porter will attend the Branson Air Force JROTC Dining Out on April 8th. The Forsyth USMC JROTC Awards ceremony is tentatively scheduled for May 2d. We will be coordinating Gold Bar presentations with the new ROTC commissionees at College of the Ozarks. We should have enough supplies on hand so we don't need to purchase anything this year.
- New Golden Corral meal prices will take effect at our April meeting.
- 2017 Veterans Day Parade Application has been submitted (Aryl)
- Aryl made the mistake of placing a bet on last year's Army Navy Game. Of course, Navy lost and Aryl owes "Goat BBQ" to Alan Catron.
- Nominating Committee was established and nominations for next year's officers were proposed. Winsor Morrison is Chair.
- True American Hero Award Committee was formed and Paul Goodspeed is Chair.
- The board proposed dues increase to \$25 for the 2018 membership year. This will require a vote by the membership.
- The board encourages all our members to be on the lookout for potential new members. We do seem to have many eligible MOAA members moving into our area.

MOZARK Chapter Annual Dues:

Our 2017 annual chapter dues of \$20 are due. If you have not already paid your dues, please bring to the meeting on March 18th or mail to our Treasurer, Jeff Long:

Payable to: MOZARK Chapter, MOAA
 Send to: MOZARK Chapter, MOAA
 215 W. College St.
 Branson, MO 65616

The Missouri Gold Star Families Memorial

The College of the Ozarks will dedicate The Missouri Gold Star Families Memorial at the entrance to their campus on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of the Gold Star Families Memorial is to honor Gold Star Families (those

who have lost immediate family members killed in their service to the country), to preserve the memory of the fallen, and to stand as a stark reminder that freedom is not free.

The memorial on the College of the Ozarks campus is presented in cooperation with The Hershel “Woody” Williams Congressional Medal of Honor Education Foundation, Inc. This will be the first Gold Star Families Memorial Monument in the state of Missouri. A reception will follow in the Keeter Center. All MOZARK Chapter members and families are invited.

Please continue your prayers for: Laverne Baker. We all should keep John, Susan and especially Michael Rousselot, and his family, in our prayers. We look forward Michael’s speedy recovery and health.

Respectfully,
John Hathcock, President

Upcoming Programs:

**March 18, 1130 Hrs., Keeter Center, Greg Oller,
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, re: Table Rock Powerhouse
Cost: \$22.**

**April 15, 1130 Hrs., Golden Corral, Dr. Todd Baker,
served in U.S. Army in Bagdad**

**May 20, 1130 Hrs., Keeter Center, Angela and Tin Hadler,
“GUMI” Camp**

**June 3, 1130 Hrs., Table Rock State Park, Annual Picnic—
Vice President Dave Porter arranged for us to have the picnic at the
State Park Pavilion on Saturday June 3rd. The usual 3rd Saturday was
already scheduled and also we save about \$150 over the cost of having
it at Stone Gate.**

Addendum by Winsor Morrison.

**The Nominating Committee for next year’s officers have nominated
the following members. President-COL.(ret) John Hathcock, USA**

Vice President-1st LT. David Porter, USA

Secretary-COL.(ret.) Paul Vicalvi, USA

Treasurer-1st LT. Jeff Long, USA

COL. John Hathcock assumed the president position last year following the resignation of John Rousselot who resigned due to his son's illness. We appreciate the other officers willingness to serve another year.

True American Award selection committee, Paul Goodspeed, Chairman, is searching for candidates. If you know of some local person who might be a likely candidate, please inform Paul. The presentation will be at College of the Ozarks, November 7, 2017.

Veterans Day Parade date to be announced.

Hoping to see you at the MOAA Meeting Saturday March 18th.